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ESSEX PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Revised COVID School Screening Protocol

All students are required to screen for symptoms of illness every day before coming to school. The Ontario government has made recent changes to the COVID-19 school and child care screening criteria.

Single-Symptom Screening for all Children in School

Students with any new or worsening symptom of COVID-19, even those with only one symptom, must stay home, without exemption, until:

- They receive a negative COVID-19 test result;
- They receive an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional; or
- It has been 10 days since their symptom onset, and they are feeling better.
- Household contacts of symptomatic individuals: Isolate, do not leave home, even for essential reasons.

All asymptomatic household contacts of symptomatic individuals are required to isolate, without exemption, even for essential reasons, until the symptomatic individual receives a negative COVID-19 test result, or an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional.

If the symptomatic individual does not seek COVID-19 testing they should be treated as a probable case and all household contacts must quarantine for 14 days from their last contact with that symptomatic individual.

Example: A child in the household has a new or worsening symptom of COVID-19 (e.g., a fever or runny nose). All school age siblings must stay home and cannot attend school until the symptomatic child receives a negative COVID-19 test result or alternative diagnosis. If the child tests positive or is not tested, the child should quarantine, including from other household members, for 10 days from symptom onset and then return to school if they are feeling better. The siblings, as a close contact of a probable case, should quarantine for 14 days from their last contact with the symptomatic child.

COVID-19 School Screening Tool

The Provincial Screening Tool below is to be completed daily and, if there is any question, please err on the side of caution. Additional information will be coming from the Greater Essex County DSB.

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening>

School Work

If your child is home isolating, please check his/her student EDSBY account or MS Teams class notebook for posted assignments that can be completed during the isolation period.

Thank you for your continued partnership in our efforts to keep our community safe!

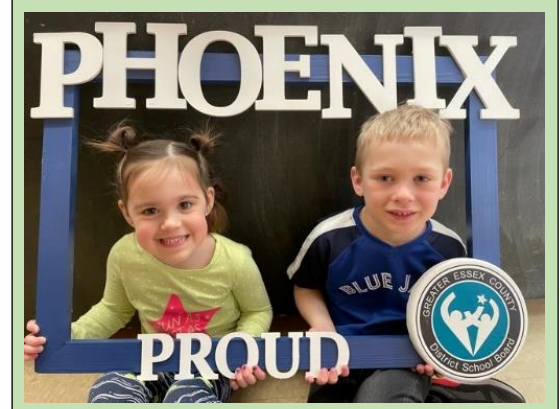
Kindergarten Registration Continues

Kindergarten Registration continues at Essex PS! Please register Junior Kindergarten students online at:

<https://register.publicboard.ca/Registration/>

or call the school at 519-776-9676. All children within our boundaries are welcome and encouraged to register early.

Our Kindergarten Virtual Open House was a huge success and many new kindergarten students are registered for September 2021. Essex Public School is looking forward to welcoming our youngest learners in September! When you register you will be sent links and videos showcasing our school. Your child will also receive a goody bag full of resources and materials to help get your little one ready, along with a Phoenix Proud T-shirt for your little one! Please help us spread the word!



Online Directory:

Twitter feed: @EPSPhoenix



School website:

<https://publicboard.ca/schools/essexps/>

Hot lunches can only be ordered online.

Place your orders here:

<http://harvestfresh.ca>

On-site latch key program: Story Book Early Learning Centre

<http://www.storybookelc.ca>

National Pink Shirt Day at EPS

It was a sea of pink at EPS on February 24th, 2021 as staff and students engaged in learning and talked about bullying prevention and awareness on National Pink Shirt Day. We wore pink to remind us to stand up to bullying and always be respectful to the people around us. Students engaged in discussions and activities about the harmful effects of bullying, how to stand up and help individuals in need and strategies to prevent bullying situations from happening. At EPS, we always encourage our students to include others, practice acceptance for all, and choose to be kind each day. Please continue these valuable conversations with your child(ren) at home as together we are a stronger team preventing bullying and bringing about awareness each day.



Class Requests for 2021-2022



Class requests for September 2021 will be taken from parents, in writing to the principal, from March 1st through May 1st. Please date and sign all requests. Only requests with sound educational rationale will be considered. Once classes have been set for the 2021-2022 school year in May, we will not be moving students to and from classes. Only if we need to reorganize in September will changes be made to class lists.

What's Poppin' Popcorn Fundraiser!

Coming Soon! Essex Public School Advisory Council (Parent Council) is organizing a What's Poppin' popcorn fundraiser!






Proceeds will go towards supporting our students in various ways such as purchasing technology, sound system upgrade in our gymnasium, outdoor equipment, and more. Stay tuned for more details.



KISS and RIDE SAFETY



Please pull up all the way in the Kiss & Ride lane (close to the front entrance of the school) to allow multiple cars to pull into our long lane. This will allow for multiple vehicles and students to disembark safely and proceed when all vehicles have unloaded. As well, to ensure the safety of everyone, we ask that adults remain in their vehicles as to not slip, trip and fall in our Kiss & Ride area unless your child requires assistance with their seat or door. Please review with your children how to safely disembark from your vehicle and walk to assigned entry doors. It is also very important for students to cross at assigned crosswalks and not through the Kiss & Ride lane, as vehicles are constantly moving through the area. Drivers are reminded to be patient and safe while in the Kiss & Ride lane. We kindly ask parents to wait for vehicles ahead to proceed rather than passing on the left. This will help keep traffic flowing smoothly in the morning so our staff can quickly assist in the safe arrival of all our students.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 (Day 4)	2 (Day 5) HARVEST FRESH LUNCH	3 (Day 1)	4 (Day 2)	5 (Day 3)	6
7	8 (Day 4)	9 (Day 5) HARVEST FRESH LUNCH	10 (Day 1)	11 (Day 2)	12 (Day 3)	13
14	15 (Day 4) Reminder: March Break has been moved to April 12-16	16 (Day 5) HARVEST FRESH LUNCH	17 (Day 1) Wear GREEN for St. Patrick's Day 	18 (Day 2)	19 (Day 3) Phoenix Spirit Wear / Blue & Orange Day 	20
21	22 (Day 4)	23 (Day 5) HARVEST FRESH LUNCH	24 (Day 1)	25 (Day 2)	26 (Day 3) Rock Your Socks for Down Syndrome Awareness 	27
28	29 (Day 4) SAC Meeting (6pm)	30 (Day 5) HARVEST FRESH LUNCH	31 (Day 1)	1 (Day 2) Perseverance Virtual Assembly Tropical Day 	March 2021 